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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 March 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 04 March 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Padilla (2002/0087678) in view of Wiederin et al (2002/0026579).

As per claim 1, Padilla teaches a digital civic community comprising: local government defining borders (figure 4; paragraphs 0031, 0032, 0058); a computer and communication center (0058). Padilla does not specifically teach that the communication center contains a government directory, a business directory, and a resident directory. Wiederin teaches a communication center with a government, business, and resident directory (0030), and a means for connecting said directories (0030). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include a directory of various entities into the entity communication system, as taught by Wiederin in the system of Padilla. The motivation for doing so lies in the fact that having a directory would facilitate communication between the entities, leading to further utility of the invention.

As per claim 2, Padilla-Wiederin teaches a digital civic community comprising: local government defining borders (figure 4; paragraphs 0031, 0032, 0058); a computer and communication center containing a government directory, a business directory, and a

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resident directory (Padilla: 0058, Wiederin: 0030); and means for connecting said directories (Padilla: 0058, Wiederin: 0030). Padilla-Wiederin does not specifically teach the existence of a television directory. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include a television directory into the directory of Padilla-Wiederin. The motivation for doing so lies in the fact that an additional directory would offer further utility to the invention by making it more versatile.

As per claim 3, Padilla-Wiederin teaches a digital civic community as defined by claim 2, in which said means connecting said directories includes connecting telephone and television communications and all computer virtual private networks (Wiederin: 0027-0029, Padilla: 0017, 0055).

As per claim 4, Padilla-Wiederin teaches a digital civic community as defined by claim 2, in which said computer and communication center provides each directory location with communication and computer functions as full time service in a virtual public network (Padilla: 0058, 0056, 0039). Padilla-Wiederin does not specifically teach the use of audiovisual communication. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to include audiovisual communication, reminiscent of video-conferencing. The motivation for doing so lies in the fact that adding this ability would add further diversity to the invention, by allowing a face to face communication between entities.

As per claim 5, Padilla-Wiederin teaches a method of making a digital civic community comprising the steps of: placing a web site in the Internet containing and connecting a government directory, a business directory, a resident directory, and a television directory (Padilla: 0058, 0056, 0039; Wiederin: 0027-0030); building a

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computer and communication center in a civic community containing and connecting said directories (Padilla: 0058, 0056, 0039; Wiederin: 0027-0030); and uploading the entire civic community into said directories (Padilla: 0058, 0056, 0039; Wiederin: 0027-0030; where the uploading is not limited in any way).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

a. Gilbrech (U.S. 6,173,399) teaches an implementation of virtual private networks.

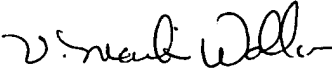
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tanim Hossain whose telephone number is 571/272-3881. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am - 5 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Valencia Martin-Wallace can be reached on 571/272-6159. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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